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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

GUICHARD et al.

Confirmation No. 9090

Serial No. 09/904,459

GROUP 1624

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Examiner Bruck Kifle

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OF CARBAMIC ACID, THEIR PROCESS
OF PREPARATION AND THEIR USE FOR
THE PREPARATION OF UREAS

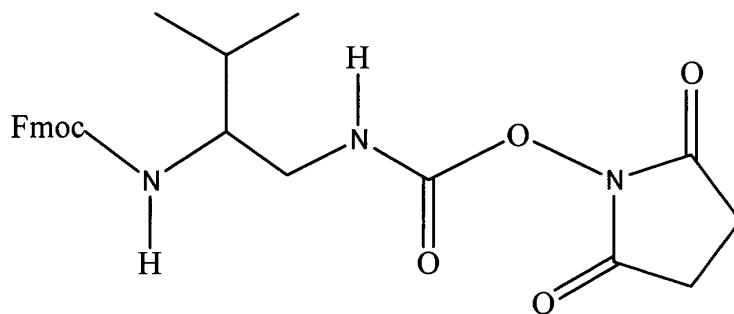
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to election of species requirement set forth in the outstanding Official Action of May 1, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the compound as shown below, with traverse.



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The formula corresponds to (III bis) with Y and
to formula (I bis) with GP = FMOC,

N = 2,

R1 = R3 = H,

R2 = IPR,

X = oxysuccinimidyle.

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to page 96 of the present specification wherein the provisionally elected compound corresponds to II. It is respectfully submitted that claims 13-14 and 27-30 read on the provisionally elected species. Claims 1-9 and 12 correspond to generic claims.

The election of species requirement is traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the requirements set forth by the outstanding Official Action fails to establish that an unduly extensive and burdensome search is required. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the election of species requirement is improper.

It is believed that Applicants are entitled to an action on the merits of the claims 1-39, in their full scope, in the present application. Such action is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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